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1. CHARGE CALLED ON ROMANIAN MFA COUNSELOR MITRAN AUGUST 27 TO MAKE DEMARCHE REFTEL. CHARGE STRESSED OFFENSIVENESS OF PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION TO U.S., IT TENDENTIOUS AND ONE-SIDED NATURE, AND CERTAINTY IT WILL ONLY INCREASE STERILE AND CONFLICTIVE DEBATE IN UN RATHER THAN CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS SOLUTION OF KOREAN PROBLEM. CHARGE STATED THAT WE ARE ESPECIALLY UNHAPPY AND DISMAYED AT GOR CO-SPONSORSHIP OF SUCH A RESOLUTION, GIVEN CONTEXT OF CONSTRUCTIVE U.S.-GOR RELATIONS DEVELOPED OVER RECENT YEARS. WE HAD HOPED GOR, IN PARTICULAR, WOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED CONFRONTATIONAL NATURE OF RESOLUTION AND WOJLD HAVE AVOIDED ASSOCIATION WITH IT, WHILE WORKING ACTIVELY TOWARD A POSITIVE SOLUTION TO PROBLEM THROUGH SUCH MEASURES AS OUTLINED IN SECETARY'S JULY 22 SPEECH. CHARGE ASKED
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IF THERE HAD BEEN GOR REACTION TO SECRETARY'S SPEECH,

STRESSING IT WAS BASIC POLICY REFLECTION OF U.S. DESIRE FOR PRODUCTIVE

NEGOTIATIONS IN NON-CONFRONTATIONAL ATMOSPHERE. MITRAN REPLIED THAT THIS IS OUT OF HIS AREA OF COMPETANCE. CHARGE CONCLUDED THAT, GIVEN INTENSE LEVEL OF CONCERN IN U.S. OVER DRAFT RESOLUTION AND RECENT EVENTS IN KOREA, GOR CO-SPONSORSHIP COULD WELL PROVE DETRIMENTAL TO U.S.-GOR BILATERAL RELATIONS. CHARGE ADDED THAT WE WOULD BE RAISING THIS QUESTION IN OTHER AREAS OF MFA.

2. IN SUBDUED RESPONSE, MITRAN URGED U.S. NOT TO MAKE "EMOTIONAL" REACTION NOR TO PRE-JUDGE GOR POSITION TOO QUICKLY. MITRAN SAID THAT THERE IS STILL AMPLE TIME FOR NEGOTIATION", AND GOR CO-SPONSORSHIP IS NOT NECESSARILY IMMUTABLE. CHARGE REPLIED THAT IT SEEMED TO US GOR HAD ALREADY LOST MUCH OF ITS ROOM FOR MANEUVER BY COSPONSORING THE DRAFT. MITRAN DEMURRED.

3. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFULLY SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH MFA OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS FOR FOLLOW-UP SINCE MITRAN MEETING. WILL KEEP TRYING. (COMMENT: WHILE DELAY IN OBTAINING MFA APPOINTMENTS IS NOT UNUSUAL, IT STRIKES US THAT MITRAN MAY WELL HAVE COMMUNICATED U.S. UNHAPPINESS ON KOREAN RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORSHIP AND MFA IS RELUCTANT TO HEAR ANOTHER DEMARCHE ON THE QUESTION.) VIETS

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